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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is the essence of our capitalist system. A move like this from the FCC will encourage monopolistic practices.

"Plus, in many markets across the US, most consumers only have a handful of internet service providers to choose from -- it's either from your cable provider or the telephone company. In fact, CLECs are often the only ISP in rural markets; Socket, for example, has around 20,000 customers spread out across rural Missouri.

Worse than reducing competition, preventing smaller ISPs from gaining access to copper will also hamper the next stage of high-speed internet: fiber."

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